(b) and (c) 59 doubling works are in progress as per details given in the 'Pink Book' of Railway Budget 1987-88.

Non-completion of Railway Lines due to shortage of Funds

*170. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV :

DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several new railway lines in the country are pending completion due to constraint of funds;

(b) what steps Railways propose to take to tackle the situation; and

(c) by when Marathwada region of Maharashtra is likely to be brought on the rail map of the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Planning Commission has been requested to increase allotment of funds for New Lines.

(c) Marathwada region is already served by a number of rail lines.

Working Group on shipping

*171. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a working group on shipping headed by the Chairman of the Shipping Corporation of India and, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether the above group has formulated/submitted any report and, if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the group and Government's reaction to each of the major recommendations, particularly with respect to foreign investment and privatisation in the Indian shipping industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) For preparing a long term perspective plan for Transport Sector in the time frame of 2000 AD and with a view to evolve a well integrated multi-modal transport system, Planning Commission has set up a Steering Committee comprising of well known experts in the field. This Steering Committee in the turn has set up several specialised groups including the Planning Group on shipping headed by Chairman & Managing Director of Shipping Corporation of India. The Group has *inter-alia* projected the requirement of Indian shipping tonnage in 2000 AD based on changing patterns of national trade and shipping technology and has suggested certain measures, including cargo support, to help the shipping industry. The report of this Group is to be an input for the work of the Steering Committee in the Planning Commission.

Criteria for selection of Doctors for the ICMR Training Programme

*172. SHRI B. L. PANWAR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the criteria and the method of selection of doctors for various ICMR training programmes;

(b) what is the mode of utilising the higher training acquired by such doctors; and

(c) whether service doctors are encouraged to take part in these training programmes, if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) to (c) The Institutes/Centres of the ICMR located in different parts of India are conducting various training programmes. Some of these are regular degree and diploma courses (which are annual or biannual) and others are short courses.

For regular courses, selection criteria have been laid down and duly constituted Selection Committees screen the applications which are invited through advertisements in the Newsletters of the Institute/Newspaper/ICMR Bulletin, and also circulars sent to Medical Colleges/Institutes and State Governments